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International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Peace and Poverty Eradication, 2008

The General Assembly,

Convinced of the role of tourism in promoting sustainable economic and social development as well as in employment creation, poverty eradication and ensuring gender equality and the protection of natural and cultural heritage, including the conservation of biological and cultural diversity,

Aware that tourism can make significant contributions to the promotion of lasting peace and security through the creation of an enabling atmosphere as well as the strengthening of international cooperation, and as a vehicle for intercultural understanding,

Noting the importance of sustainable forms of tourism for the development of the least developed countries and the small island developing States, as emphasized, respectively, in paragraphs 63 and 64 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[1] endorsed in its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, and in chapter VIII of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[2] adopted on 14 January 2005,

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. II.

[2] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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Recalling the emphasis placed on sustainable forms of tourism for economic, social and infrastructure development in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[3] endorsed in its resolution 57/253 of 20 December 2002,

Noting the development cluster of the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[4]

Noting also the tourism action plan of the New Partnership for Africa's Development adopted by the African tourism ministers at the forty-first meeting of the World Tourism Organization Commission for Africa and endorsed by the African Union Summit in July 2004,[5]

Taking note of resolution 456 (XV) of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization,[6] regarding a proposal that the United Nations establish in the near future an International Year of Tourism in order to contribute, through various events held around the world during such an occasion, to the alleviation of international conflicts and confrontations between States and to the realization of world peace,

Reaffirming its resolution 58/232 of 23 December 2003 on the agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization, as set out in the annex thereto, in which it was recognized that tourism can contribute significantly to the shared objectives of achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication,[7]

1. *Proclaims* the year 2008 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Peace and Poverty Eradication;

2. *Recognizes* that, for the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Peace and Poverty Eradication to be effective, adequate preparation and the widespread support of all stakeholders, including Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector involved in the tourism industry and the general public will be required;

3. *Designates* the World Tourism Organization as the lead agency of the United Nations system for coordinating the activities of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Peace and Poverty Eradication;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a report containing a plan of activities proposed for the Year.

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[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[4] See resolution 60/1, sect. II.

[5] See A/59/206, para. 16.

[6] See A/C.2/58/13, annex.

[7] Resolution 58/232, annex, art. 1, para. 3.